

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application as set forth below. More specifically, a detailed listing of all claims has been provided. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Changes to the claims are shown by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

By way of overview, claims 1-49 are currently pending. The status of the pending claims is indicated below:

- a) Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12, 14-17, 19-26, and 28-31 are original;
- b) Claims 4, 7, 13, 18, 27, and 32-34 previously presented; and
- c) Claims 35-49 are new.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A computer system user interface for statistical analysis comprising:
a data entry display screen configured to receive user input providing tabular data;
a configuration and control display screen configured to receive user input
selecting a particular statistical analysis to be performed on the tabular data;

statistical computation means responsive to user input received in the
configuration and control display screen to perform the particular statistical analysis
using the tabular data entered by user input in the data entry display screen to generate
statistical results wherein the statistical computation means is operable to retrieve and
reformat the tabular data without user interaction; and

a results page display screen responsive to the statistical computation means and
to user input received in the configuration and control display screen to format and
display results of the statistical analysis.

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2 2. (Original) The user interface of claim 1 wherein the statistical computation
3 means includes:

4 means for computing the particular statistical analysis as one or more of: mean of
5 the response, median of a function response, standard deviation of a function response,
6 1st and 3rd quartile of a function response, stability factor of a function response,
7 percentiles of a function response, percentile span of a function response, mean of the
8 response using weighted data, median of the response using weighted data, standard
9 deviation of the response using weighted data, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using
10 weighted data, stability factor of the response using weighted data, percentiles of the
11 response using weighted data, percentile span of the response using weighted data, mean
12 of the response for the top N elements, median of a function response for the top N
13 elements, standard deviation of a function response for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd
14 quartile of a function response for the top N elements, stability factor of a function
15 response for the top N elements, percentiles of a function response for the top N
16 elements, percentile span of a function response for the top N elements, mean of the
17 response using weighted data for the top N elements, median of the response using
18 weighted data for the top N elements, standard deviation of the response using weighted
19 data for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using weighted data for
20 the top N elements, stability factor of the response using weighted data for the top N
21 elements, percentiles of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, and
22 percentile span of the response using weighted data for the top N elements.

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24 3. (Original) The user interface of claim 1 further comprising:
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1 a data store associated with the data entry display screen for persistent storage of
2 the tabular data,

3 wherein the statistical analysis computation means is operable to retrieve the
4 tabular data from the data store.

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6 4. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
7 receiving user input identifying desired analysis;
8 retrieving user data from a data store;
9 reformatting the user data in accordance with the desired analysis;
10 computing factors for the desired analysis;
11 formatting output from results of the computation for presentation to the user; and
12 presenting the output to the user in response to input from the user requesting
13 output presentation,

14 wherein the steps of retrieving, reformatting, computing and formatting are
15 automated, responsive to the step of receiving and otherwise substantially devoid of
16 interaction with the user for receiving input.

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18 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising:
19 receiving user input to enter the user data in a tabular format in advance of the
20 step of receiving user input identifying desired analysis.

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22 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising:
23 transferring the user data entered in tabular format to a database.
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1 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of reformatting
2 comprises:

3 retrieving the user data from the database such that the user data is in a different
4 format than the tabular format.

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6 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of receiving comprises:

7 receiving user input identifying the desired analysis as one or more of: mean of
8 the response, median of a function response, standard deviation of a function response,
9 1st and 3rd quartile of a function response, stability factor of a function response,
10 percentiles of a function response, percentile span of a function response, mean of the
11 response using weighted data, median of the response using weighted data, standard
12 deviation of the response using weighted data, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using
13 weighted data, stability factor of the response using weighted data, percentiles of the
14 response using weighted data, percentile span of the response using weighted data, mean
15 of the response for the top N elements, median of a function response for the top N
16 elements, standard deviation of a function response for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd
17 quartile of a function response for the top N elements, stability factor of a function
18 response for the top N elements, percentiles of a function response for the top N
19 elements, percentile span of a function response for the top N elements, mean of the
20 response using weighted data for the top N elements, median of the response using
21 weighted data for the top N elements, standard deviation of the response using weighted
22 data for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using weighted data for
23 the top N elements, stability factor of the response using weighted data for the top N
24 elements, percentiles of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, and
25 percentile span of the response using weighted data for the top N elements.

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2 9. (Original) A method comprising:

3 presenting a spreadsheet to a user on a display wherein the spreadsheet comprises
4 a plurality of pre-defined pages;

5 receiving tabular data in a canonical form into a data page of the plurality of pre-
6 defined pages;

7 receiving configuration input into a user interaction page of the plurality of pre-
8 defined pages wherein the configuration input indicates a type of statistical analysis to be
9 performed and indication of elements involved in the statistical analysis;

10 automatically reformatting the tabular data in accord with the type of statistical
11 analysis without further user interaction;

12 automatically performing the indicated statistical analysis for all indicated
13 elements without further interaction wherein the statistical analysis identifies a significant
14 factor in the tabular data; and

15 generating results of the statistical analysis in a result page of the plurality of pre-
16 defined pages wherein the results identify the significant factor.

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18 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of receiving configuration
19 information comprises:

20 receiving user input identifying portions of the tabular data representing elements
21 for the statistical analysis and user input identifying portions of the tabular data
22 representing a response for the statistical analysis.

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24 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of receiving configuration
25 input further comprises:

1 receiving user input as the configuration input identifying the type of statistical
2 analysis as one or more of: mean of the response, median of the response, standard
3 deviation of the response, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response, stability factor of the
4 response, percentiles of the response, and percentile span of the response.

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6 12. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of generating results
7 comprises:

8 generating results as tabular output in the results page.
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10 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of generating
11 results comprises:

12 generating results as graphical output in the results page.
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14 14. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of receiving configuration
15 input comprises:

16 receiving user input identifying relevant elements within the tabular data and a
17 corresponding response within the tabular data.
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19 15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of performing the
20 statistical analysis comprises:

21 determining a difference between the mean of a studied element of said relevant
22 elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine significance of the
23 studied element.
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1 16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of performing the
2 statistical analysis comprises:

3 determining a difference between a standard deviation of a studied element of said
4 relevant elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine
5 significance of the studied element.

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7 17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of performing the
8 statistical analysis comprises:

9 determining a difference between percentiles of a studied element of said relevant
10 elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine significance of the
11 studied element.

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13 18. (Previously presented) A computer readable storage medium tangibly
14 embodying program instructions for a method, the method comprising:

15 receiving user input identifying desired analysis;

16 retrieving user data from a data store;

17 reformatting the user data in accordance with the desired analysis;

18 computing factors for the desired analysis;

19 formatting output from results of the computation for presentation to the user; and

20 presenting the output to the user in response to input from the user requesting
21 output presentation,

22 wherein the method steps of retrieving, reformatting, computing and formatting
23 are automated, responsive to the method step of receiving and otherwise substantially
24 devoid of interaction with the user for receiving input.

1 19. (Original) The medium of claim 18 further comprising:

2 receiving user input to enter the user data in a tabular format in advance of the
3 method step of receiving user input identifying desired analysis.

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5 20. (Original) The medium of claim 19 further comprising: transferring the user
6 data entered in tabular format to a database.

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8 21. (Original) The medium of claim 20 wherein the method step of reformatting
9 comprises:

10 retrieving the user data from the database such that the user data is in a different
11 format than the tabular format.

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13 22. (Original) The medium of claim 18 wherein the method step of receiving
14 comprises:

15 receiving user input identifying the desired analysis as one or more of: mean of
16 the response, median of a function response, standard deviation of a function response,
17 1st and 3rd quartile of a function response, stability factor of a function response,
18 percentiles of a function response, percentile span of a function response, mean of the
19 response using weighted data, median of the response using weighted data, standard
20 deviation of the response using weighted data, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using
21 weighted data, stability factor of the response using weighted data, percentiles of the
22 response using weighted data, percentile span of the response using weighted data, mean
23 of the response for the top N elements, median of a function response for the top N
24 elements, standard deviation of a function response for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd
25 quartile of a function response for the top N elements, stability factor of a function

response for the top N elements, percentiles of a function response for the top N elements, percentile span of a function response for the top N elements, mean of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, median of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, standard deviation of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, stability factor of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, percentiles of the response using weighted data for the top N elements, and percentile span of the response using weighted data for the top N elements.

23. (Original) A computer readable storage medium tangibly embodying program instructions for a method, the method comprising:

presenting a spreadsheet to a user on a display wherein the spreadsheet comprises a plurality of pre-defined pages;

receiving tabular data in a canonical form into a data page of the plurality of pre-defined pages;

receiving configuration input into a user interaction page of the plurality of pre-defined pages wherein the configuration input indicates a type of statistical analysis to be performed and indication of elements involved in the statistical analysis;

automatically reformatting the tabular data in accord with the type of statistical analysis without further user interaction;

automatically performing the indicated statistical analysis for all indicated elements without further interaction wherein the statistical analysis identifies a significant factor in the tabular data; and

generating results of the statistical analysis in a result page of the plurality of pre-defined pages wherein the results identify the significant factor.

1 24. (Original) The medium of claim 23 wherein the method step of receiving
2 configuration information comprises:

3 receiving user input identifying portions of the tabular data representing elements
4 for the statistical analysis and user input identifying portions of the tabular data
5 representing a response for the statistical analysis.

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7 25. (Original) The medium of claim 24 wherein the method step of receiving
8 configuration input further comprises:

9 receiving user input as the configuration input identifying the type of statistical
10 analysis as one or more of: mean of the response, median of the response, standard
11 deviation of the response, 1st and 3rd quartile of the response, stability factor of the
12 response, percentiles of the response, and percentile span of the response.

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14 26. (Original) The medium of claim 23 wherein the method step of generating
15 results comprises:

16 generating results as tabular output in the results page.

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18 27. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 23 wherein the method step of
19 generating results comprises:

20 generating results as graphical output in the results page.

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22 28. (Original) The medium of claim 23 wherein the method step of receiving
23 configuration input comprises:

24 receiving user input identifying relevant elements within the tabular data and a
25 corresponding response within the tabular data.

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3 29. (Original) The medium of claim 28 wherein the method step of performing the
4 statistical analysis comprises:

5 determining a difference between the mean of a studied element of said relevant
6 elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine significance of the
7 studied element.
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9 30. (Original) The medium of claim 28 wherein the method step of performing the
10 statistical analysis comprises:

11 determining a difference between a standard deviation of a studied element of said
12 relevant elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine
13 significance of the studied element.
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15 31. (Original) The medium of claim 28 wherein the method step of performing the
16 statistical analysis comprises:

17 determining a difference between percentiles of a studied element of said relevant
18 elements and all other elements of said relevant elements to determine significance of the
19 studied element.
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21 32. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 1 wherein the statistical
22 analysis is configured to find at least one statistically significant factor affecting a given
23 response within the user input data.
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33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the computing of factors for the desired analysis comprises finding statistically significant factors affecting a given response within the user data.

34. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 18 wherein the computing of factors for the desired analysis comprises finding statistically significant factors affecting a given response within the user data.

35. (New) A method comprising:
receiving data through a data entry display mechanism;
receiving configuration input through a configuration and control display mechanism, wherein the configuration input indicates:
a type of statistical analysis to be performed; and
an indication of factor-type X elements and at least one response-type Y element associated with the received data;
performing the indicated statistical analysis for all indicated elements, wherein the statistical analysis identifies a significant factor among the indicated factor-type X elements with respect to said at least one identified response-type Y element; and
generating results of the statistical analysis, wherein the results identify the significant factor.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving an indication of factor-type X elements and said at least one response-type Y elements comprises indicating respective types of the elements within a tabular display of the elements.

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2 37. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
3 input further comprises:

4 receiving an instruction that governs processing to identify significant factors
5 from among identified response-type X elements with respect to an identified response-
6 type Y element, the instruction comprising one of:

7 an instruction to identify main effects of various factors on the identified
8 response-type Y element;

9 an instruction to identify a specified order of all effects; and

10 an instruction to identify all orders of effects.
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12 38. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
13 input further comprises:

14 receiving an instruction to standardize an identified factor-type Y element by
15 removing an effect of an identified factor-type X element on the identified response-type
16 Y element.
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18 39. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
19 input further comprises:

20 receiving an instruction to categorize an identified factor-type X element into a
21 discrete range of values of the factor-type X element.
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23 40. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
24 input further comprises:
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1 identifying an X level associated with a desired level of interaction analysis for an
2 identified factor-type X element.

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4 41. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
5 input further comprises:

6 identifying a type of statistical measure response represented by an identified
7 response-type Y element, the type of statistical measure response defining the type of
8 statistical analysis to be performed.

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10 42. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
11 input further comprises:

12 identifying a filter that limits values analyzed for an identified factor-type X
13 element.

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15 43. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
16 input further comprises:

17 identifying N top levels to be included in the statistical analysis for an identified
18 factor-type X element.

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20 44. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
21 input further comprises:

22 identifying, for an identified response-type Y element, whether a weighted
23 statistical measure should be used, as opposed to a standard statistical measure.

1 45. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the receiving of the configuration
2 input further comprises:

3 allowing a user to customize specifications that aid in determining which
4 response-type X elements are significant as compared to other response-type X elements.
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6 46. (New) The method of claim 35 further comprising, via the configuration and
7 control display mechanism, providing an instruction to derive a transfer function based
8 on the results of the statistical analysis.
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10 47. (New) The method of claim 35 further comprising presenting the generated
11 results in a tabular-type presentation, the tabular-type presentation showing main effects
12 and higher-order effects.
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14 48. (New) The method of claim 35 further comprising presenting the generated
15 results in a graphical-type presentation, the graphical-type presentation showing main
16 effects and higher-order effects.
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18 49. (New) A computer readable storage medium tangibly embodying program
19 instructions which implement the method of claim 35.
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